



Graceway Fellowship

Graceway Weekly - An electronic newsletter for members and friends of
Graceway Fellowship, Green Bay, Wisconsin

THIS SUNDAY AT GRACEWAY

This Sunday is Memorial Day weekend. We will be concluding the current series in Exodus, *Appointed and Chosen*, with a message from Exodus 18, *Victory!* Sunday evening will be another opportunity where we see God showing grace to a lesser known biblical character entitled, *Called-Forgiven-Set Apart*. We will be in Exodus 4, 32, and Leviticus 8

Graceway Kids conclude *Through The Bible In 66 Weeks* with the study of the Book of Revelation. On June 5 we'll celebrate our accomplishment with The Big Test and a party. Each child will be taking home their Old/New Testament Bible survey binder.

GOLDEN GOSPEL GROUP

This Saturday Ken Boyd and the Golden Gospel Group will be sharing with residents at two senior living facilities. They start the day at Grancare at 11AM, and then in the afternoon head over to Cottonwood for a gathering at 1PM. The invitation is always open to anyone who would like to join the Golden Gospel Group.

WORRIED?

What are the things you're worried about? The election? Your health? Your bills? Your kids? Are you worried about the future? The fact is there are lots of reasons to be afraid in today's world. But God's promise is that, even in your darkest valleys, he is walking beside you.

It's interesting to note that there are 365 verses in the Bible that say, "Fear not." God provided us with one "Fear not" message for every day of the year! Don't you think God is saying, "Get the message. Don't be afraid." It's interesting that almost every time God talks to someone in the Bible, the first thing he says is, "Don't be afraid!"
Rick Warren

GOING AND GROWING

Church Planters:

Chris & Kim Steiner – Connections Church, Fridley, MN

Bill & Cindy Haas – Warrior Christian Fellowship, Lac du Flambeau, WI

Julius & Kula Brent – Hope in Christ Assembly, Madison, WI

Church Planting Catalyst:

Dennis & Marcia Hansen – Bay Lakes Baptist Association, Wisconsin

Potential location for a new church start:

Wausau, WI

Answered Prayer:

In response to how God is working in Thief River Falls, MN, church planter Nathan Satchwill writes: *We have a group of about 15 people who are consistently attending each week, as well as a handful of committed believers who want to be the charter members of the church. God is presently at work building the foundation*

VBS – Submerged

Pastor Mike has been meeting with the leadership of this year's Vacation Bible School - Submerged, and laying out plans to make this Graceway's best VBS ever. Now that the leaders have been identified it's your turn to accept the invitation to join the team. We'll need helpers for registration, crafts, snacks, recreation, and in the group times. We'll have many opportunities to share with the children this year's theme – Jesus: Sees, Knows, Saves. If you'd like to volunteer in a specific area contact Pastor Mike, or if one of the leaders recruits you to help, please give a positive response.

Witnessing for Christ is not something we turn on and off, like a TV set. Every believer is a witness at all times – either a good one or a bad one. Warren Wiersbe

NEVER RETIRE

By Joe McKeever

Never stop doing what God put you on earth to do. For the seniors among us, this is no time to slack off. It's just getting good.

Congratulations on two of the biggest blessings in your life. One, if you are born again, your name is written in the book of life. You are going to heaven.

And two, you're old.

You may not think of getting old as a blessing, but it is. We all have had friends who yearned to live as long as we have, to see their kids grow up and get married, to hold their grandbabies. Some of us have even had the privilege of watching our grandchildren grow into young adulthood.

I hear people say, "There's no retirement in Scripture." Actually, there is. Numbers 8:25 says the Jewish priests retired at the age of 50. Thereafter, they could volunteer to assist if they chose, but this was a young man's profession, manhandling all those animals for sacrifice, that sort of thing.

Even so, there is no retirement from serving the Lord.

After all:

-- You may be doing your best work right now.

-- God may be using you in ways you cannot imagine. Whether you see what He is doing or not makes no difference. After all, you are not the judge of your own work. None of us is.

-- People coming behind you are watching to see how you handle the challenge of seniority in these last decades. Your influence is phenomenal.

-- You're almost home now. You can see the house from here. Just a little longer.

To read the full article - <http://www.bpnews.net/46896/firstperson-never-retire>

YOUR MISSIONARIES

JOSH CARTER serves in Portland, a cutting-edge city that is directing the course of culture. Some Portlanders call their home the new Sin City, as evidenced by the fact they now have more strip clubs per capita than any other city in the U.S. Most residents claim no religious affiliation and are tolerant of any and all religions, but are opposed to the idea of an exclusive way to heaven. It has been said there are more Christians in India per capita than there are in Portland. Your support through the Cooperative Program can help change that. Pray for Josh's team as they seek church partners and strong relationships in their community to share Jesus.

Christian workers, DYLAN and JESSICA VILMEK,* teach South Asians to share the gospel using Bible stories and also to make audio recordings of the stories so they can be shared with others in a particular language group. Many South Asians are literate but still find it hard to understand what they read. Their education level is low and their preferred learning style is oral. During one training event, the Vilmecks' goal was to craft 200 Bible stories into a particular people group's heart language. Your gifts through the Cooperative Program help provide the gospel in many languages so that people can understand the good news of Christ.

PAY RAISE

A large company, feeling it was time for a shakeup, hired a new CEO. This new boss was determined to rid the company of all slackers.

On a tour of the facilities, the CEO noticed a guy leaning on a wall. The room was full of workers and he wanted to let them know that he meant business!

The new CEO walked up to the guy leaning against the wall and tasked, "How much money do you make a week?"

A little surprised, the young fellow looked at him and replied, "I make \$300 a week. Why?"

The CEO then handed the guy \$1,200 in cash and screamed, "Here's four weeks' pay, now GET OUT and don't come back."

Feeling pretty good about himself, the CEO looked around the room and asked, "Does anyone want to tell me what that goof-off did here?"

From across the room came a voice, "Pizza delivery guy from Domino's."

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY – Golden Gospel Group, Grancare 11AM; Cottonwood, 1PM

May 30 – Memorial Day

June 5 – Lord's Supper, AM service; Graceway Kids "The Big Test"

June 10-11 – Disaster Relief Training, Portage, WI

June 12 – Outdoor Service, Followed By Picnic Lunch. Recent Graduates Honored Guests.

June 14-15 – SBC Annual Meeting, St. Louis

June 19 – Father's Day

June 26-July 1 – BLBA Youth and Children's Camp

July 4 – Independence Day

July 11-15 – VBS Submerged, 6-8:30PM

July 16 – Post-VBS Celebration, 1PM

July 24 – Commission Youth Missions Group, AM Service

August 7-12 – BLBA Builders Project, Layton Avenue Baptist, Milwaukee

August 20-26 – Hands of Hope, Racine

October 14-16 – Youth Called Out Conference, Baraboo

I'm getting kind of tired always slowly raising my hand when someone asks, "Who does something like that?!?"

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